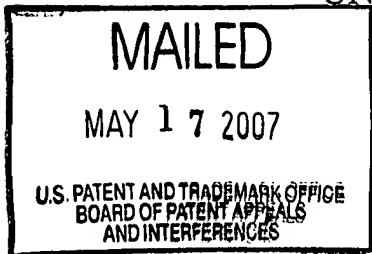


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Ex parte MAWAHEB M. EL-NAGGAR and AHMED S. MOUSA

Application 09/943,048

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 19, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

Pursuant to a memorandum dated April 29, 2002 by Stephen G. Kunin, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy:

Effective immediately, no appeal should be forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision where: (1) a rejection is supported in whole or part by an abstract without reference to the underlying document, . . . ; or (2) a rejection is supported in whole

or part by a prior art document not in the English language, unless accompanied by a translation of the prior art document into English.

This Image File Wrapper (IFW) is not in compliance with the above because it does not appear to contain a certified English translation for the German patent to Langhoff et al., DE 19855426 A1, dated June 8, 2000, which was relied upon by the Examiner in his rejection of the claims.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to provide a certified English language translation for the German patent to Langhoff et al., DE 19855426 A1, dated June 8, 2000;
- 2) to have a complete copy of the translation scanned into the IFW and a copy mailed to appellant; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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